

Reentry Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2014

Achievements since last meeting:

- July 22, 2014: SAMHSA and the National Center for Trauma Informed Care provided training for 75 professionals at the Workforce Development Center- all from a technical assistance grant Janice Roach and Madonna Flores wrote.
- August 13, 2014: 6 clients graduated from Tidewater Community College Culinary Arts program. We have 7 scheduled to begin today.
- August 28, 2014: Hampton Roads Equal Opportunity Job Fair- which was hosted and planned by the Hampton Roads Regional Reentry Employment Committee, Southeastern VA Homeless Consortium's Employment Task Force and Tidewater Community College. Michael Paris chaired the committee and the job fair turned out to be a huge success. They had over 25 vendors and over 350 participants. See video here: <http://animoto.com/play/zH83NXsQjKecWit0MI9fYw>
- September 2, 2014- SAMHSA as part of the technical assistance grant mentioned earlier provided 35 professionals TAMAR training- which stands for Trauma Addictions Mental Health Recovery.
- September 16, 2014- was our 1st (hopefully) annual Community Collaboration Reentry Summit. I'm hearing it was successful, however the SURVEY/evaluations will be sent out today in order for participants to evaluate the entire conference. The event was great and everything seemed to flow flawlessly. The planning committee is a sub-committee of the Norfolk Reentry Council and was established to plan events, etc. On the behalf of Kathryn Hall and Janice Roach- each person was thanked personally for their assistance with planning the reentry summit.
- Lekita Sykes, Senior Reentry Probation Officer and Janice Roach spoke at the Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk at the Community Partner's Day conference. The workshop was dedicated to Family Integration.

- The upcoming event for the Planning Committee to plan is the Town Hall Meeting. It is scheduled for November 18, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the Workforce Development Center. It will have a panel style program. They are in need of volunteers and vendors for the event.
- The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. At the Workforce Development Center (Room 303).

Presentation: Ronald Cromuel from Alpha Counsellors

- Alpha Counselors has a range of services to include Substance Abuse Relapse Prevention, Individual Therapy, Sex Offender Therapy, Intensive In-Home, Mental Health Skill Building, Therapeutic Mentoring, and Independent Living.
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Updates

- Child Support Enforcement – Joy Sullivan and Lee Williams
 - Spoke about their new pilot program
 - Family Strong Program
- DHS Programs- Prisoner Reentry
 - Madonna Flores spoke about Family and Community Engagement, Peer Support, Mentoring
 - All staff trained in Thinking for a Change (T4C/NIC)
 - Moral Reconation Therapy Training completed
 - Seeking Safety (2 staff trained)
 - TAMAR- (all staff trained)
- Norfolk Police Dept.
 - Wayne Handley discussed Crisis Intervention Teams
- Institution Updates-
 - GRCC- construction trades now offered, always need people to come from the Hampton Roads area to discuss reentry services

- SBCC- 98 men returning, they were recognized statewide for suicide literature that was created at their institution, Inside/Out Dads going good- had graduation with families.
- Sussex I- September 25th , DMV is coming to assist with ID's, October 10th , Family Strong Program- Child Support
- Veterans
 - Two new representatives at the meeting
 - Spoke about their collaboration with partners in the area
 - Email will be sent with information on the representatives for the City of Norfolk
- Newport News Sheriff's Office
 - Peggy Howard spoke about the Attorney General's decision to hire a Statewide Reentry Coordinator. See article here:
<http://hamptonroads.com/2014/09/va-attorney-generals-office-assist-inmates-reentry>
- P&P
 - Lekita Sykes spoke about the upcoming Family Reunification Seminar on September 30, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Workforce Development Center (Room 202)
 - Melodie Rodgers informed the Council of an Apprenticeship Expo on October 1, 2014 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. If you would like more details, please contact her at Melodie.Rodgers@vadoc.virginia.gov
 - Patrick Carroll spoke about the Community Resource Directories on the VADOC Community Corrections website. All of the cities have resource directories on this website. See below:

Department of Corrections website:

<http://vadoc.virginia.gov/>

Community resources for Eastern Region:

<http://vadoc.virginia.gov/community/eastern.shtm>

Other regions are available statewide by clicking on the map on the D.O.C. home page website.

If your resource is not on the D.O.C. website and your agency serves Norfolk residents please, email Patrick.Carroll2@vadoc.virginia.gov and future updates will include your agency.

Also, here is a 57 page guide developed to assist returning citizens that are veterans:

<http://vadoc.virginia.gov/documents/reentry-roadmap-for-veterans-virginia.pdf>

Other sub-committee information:

Faith Based committee members needed- if interested contact Janice Roach at 757-664-7723.

Juvenile committee members needed if- interested contact Janice Roach at 757-664-7723.

Town Hall Meeting- November 18, 2014:

Sign up Sheet/Volunteer/Vendor sheet passed around the meeting

Next Reentry Council meeting:

Friday, November 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. (Room 202)